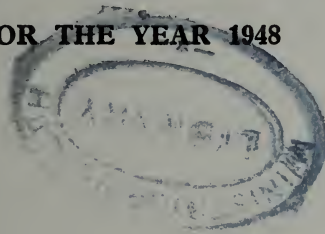


**BARROW-UPON-SOAR
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL**

ANNUAL REPORT

**OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1948**



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BARROW-UPON-SOAR RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT

**ON THE HEALTH AND SANITARY CONDITION OF THE
BARROW-UPON-SOAR RURAL DISTRICT.**

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1948.

**To the Chairman and Members of the Barrow-upon-Soar
Rural District Council.**

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

I. B. Lawrence, B.Sc., M.B., D.P.H. (Resigned 6th December, 1948)

SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR

***W. Donovan, A.R.San.I., M.S.I.A., B.Sc. (Inter.).**

DISTRICT SANITARY INSPECTORS

A. J. Blaylock, A.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.

L. R. Knowles, M.R.San.I., M.S.I.A. (Appointed 1st March, 1948)

STUDENT SANITARY INSPECTOR

C. L. Hunt. (Resigned 31st August, 1948)

CLERICAL

Miss M. J. Neale

Miss M. L. Wykes

HOUSING WELFARE OFFICER

Miss C. Foister. (Appointed 16th August, 1948)

**Sanitary Inspectors marked thus (*) hold the Certificate for the
Inspection of Meat and Other Foods.**

REPORT.

I have the honour to present my tenth Annual Report for the year 1948.

Mr. L. R. Knowles has been appointed to take the place of Mr. E. Barnes who has taken an appointment elsewhere. Mr. C. L. Hunt, Pupil Sanitary Inspector, accepted a position as Housing Manager and Miss C. Foister was appointed Housing Welfare Officer.

No severe outbreak has marred the health of the district during the year.

The housing programme is still being tackled with vigour and some of the worst cases of overcrowding and bad insanitary housing accommodation have been dealt with. Yet it has only touched the fringe of the problem and there seems to be no lessening of the number of cases.

During the year the new Health Act has started on its course and the eventual effect on the district authorities is unknown, but I feel that stress will now be laid on preventative work. This of course has always been done by the District Council, and the District Medical Officer of Health and Staff will come into their own and their importance will at last be realised.

Immunisation has also been transferred to the County Council and I feel that we need not be ashamed of the way in which we have reared this particular baby which we have passed on fit and well over its teething troubles.

I would like to take the opportunity in this last Report to your Council of expressing my thanks for your appreciation of the public health requirements in the district and your help and indulgence at all times to your Medical Officer and Staff in carrying out their duties.

Lastly I wish to thank Mr. W. Donovan, our Senior Sanitary Inspector, and Staff for their unstinted willingness at all times to get the job done.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The area is chiefly agricultural in character, but many of the larger villages are residential and industrial ; the industries being the manufacture of boots and shoes and hosiery, granite quarrying and light engineering.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area—54,804 acres.

Resident population	...	...	...	...	...	45,320
No. of houses inhabited at the end of 1948	...	...	...	...	...	14,007
Rateable value	...	...	...	...	...	£226,844
Sum represented by penny rate	...	...	...	...	...	£850

VITAL STATISTICS

Population—Census, 1931	...	...	...	...	...	30,862
Population—National Registration, 1939	...	...	...	...	...	41,599
Population—Estimated (for Birth and Death Rates, 1948)	...	...	...	...	...	45,320
Comparability factor not available.						

BIRTHS					Males	Females	Total	1947
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	403	374	777	904
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	27	15	42	47
Total	...	...	...	...	430	389	819	951

STILL BIRTHS					Males	Females	Total	1947
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	9	12	21	23
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	1	—	1	2
Total	...	...	...	...	10	12	22	25

DEATHS					Males	Females	Total	1947
All causes and ages	...	...	...	...	219	215	434	484

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR					Males	Females	Total	1947
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	14	9	23	28
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	1	3	4	1
Total	...	...	...	...	15	12	27	29

Birth rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	18.1	21.7
Birth rate for England and Wales	...	...	...	...	...	...	17.9	20.5
Crude death rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	9.5	11.0
Death rate for England and Wales	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.8	12.0
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	...	...	...	...	...	...	32.9	30.4
Infant mortality rate for England and Wales	...	...	...	...	...	...	34.0	41.0

STATISTICS—BIRTH RATE, DEATH RATE AND INFANT MORTALITY RATE

There has been a decline in the number of births for the year, 819 compared with 951 for 1947 and 861 for 1946, thus making the birth rate for the district 18.1 compared with 17.9 for England and Wales.

The figure of 9.4 for the death rate is the lowest for almost ten years.

The infant mortality rate has again risen during the year, 32.9 compared with 30.4 for 1947.

DEATH RATE FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASE PER 1,000 POPULATION

	1948	1947
Typhoid Fever	—	—
Smallpox	—	—
Measles	—	0.44
Scarlet fever	—	—
Whooping cough	—	0.02
Diphtheria	—	—
Influenza	0.11	0.09
Cerebro-spinal fever	—	0.02
Tuberculosis (pulmonary)	0.31	0.4
Tuberculosis (non-pulmonary)	0.11	0.09
Diarrhoea under 2 years (per 1,000 live births)	1.2	3.15

DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES—1948

	Males	Females	Total
1. Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers	—	—	—
2. Cerebro-spinal fever	—	—	—
3. Scarlet fever	—	—	—
4. Whooping cough	—	—	—
5. Diphtheria	—	—	—
6. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	4	10	14
7. Other forms of tuberculosis	—	5	5
8. Syphilitic diseases	—	—	—
9. Influenza	4	1	5
10. Measles	—	—	—
11. Infantile paralysis	1	—	1
12. Encephalitis	—	—	—
13. Cancer of buccal cavity and oesophagus (M), uterus (F)	2	10	12
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum	4	2	6
15. Cancer of breast	—	9	9
16. Cancer of all other sites	24	19	43
17. Diabetes	2	3	5
18. Intra-cranial vascular lesions	25	32	57
19. Heart diseases	66	70	136
20. Other diseases of circulatory system	11	5	16
21. Bronchitis	11	3	14
22. Other respiratory diseases	3	6	9
23. Pneumonia	3	6	9
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	4	—	4
25. Diarrhoea under 2 years	1	—	1
26. Appendicitis	—	—	—
27. Other digestive diseases	4	3	7
28. Nephritis	8	9	17
29. Puerperal diseases	—	—	—
30. Other maternal causes	—	—	—
31. Premature birth	3	2	5
32. Deaths of infants at birth from various diseases	7	6	13
33. Suicide	3	1	4
34. Road traffic accidents	3	2	5
35. Other violent causes	4	5	9
36. All other causes	21	9	30

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The following table summarizes the notifications of infectious disease (excluding tuberculosis) made during the year :—

DISEASE	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED										A.U.	Total	Cases admitted to hospital	Total deaths
	0-	1-	3-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65-					
Scarlet fever ...	—	1	8	16	12	2	1	—	—	8	48	43	—	
Whooping cough, 26	85	102	88	4	1	4	—	—	—	2	312	—	—	
Acute poliomyelitis	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	3	1	
Oph. neonatorum 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	
Acute encephalitis lethargica ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	
Measles ...	19	108	172	230	10	2	4	—	—	10	545	—	—	
Pneumonia ...	10	—	—	10	—	5	—	3	6	—	34	—	9	
Erysipelas ...	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	7	2	—	11	9	—	

A.U. denotes age unknown.

The infectious disease results have improved somewhat during the year.

There has been an increase in the number of cases of whooping cough, 312 compared with 162 for 1947, and a decline in the notifications for measles, 545 compared with 904 in the previous year. No deaths have resulted from these two diseases.

One of the outstanding features of the year was the fact that no cases of diphtheria have been notified. This is the first time since the year 1921 that no cases have been recorded and therefore this speaks most favourably for immunisation against this disease.

TUBERCULOSIS

During 1948 the following cases and deaths from tuberculosis were notified :—

AGE PERIODS			NEW CASES				DEATHS			
			Respiratory		Non-respiratory		Respiratory		Non-respiratory	
			M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	...	...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1-	...	...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
5-	...	...	1	—	4	1	—	—	—	—
10-	...	...	2	2	1	1	—	—	—	—
15-	...	...	5	4	1	—	1	2	—	—
25-	...	...	9	6	2	—	—	1	—	—
35-	...	...	2	1	1	—	2	3	—	2
45-	...	...	4	4	—	—	—	1	—	2
55-	...	...	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
65-	...	...	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—
Age unknown	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	...	...	25	18	9	3	4	10	—	5

There has been an increase in the number of new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis, 43 compared with 42 for 1947, but a larger increase has occurred in the number of non-pulmonary cases, 12 compared with 7 for the previous year.

The number of deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis have declined during the year, 14 compared with 18 for the previous year. The number of non-pulmonary tuberculosis cases has risen from 2 in 1947 to 5 for the present year.

IMMUNISATION

The figures for the half-year are as follows :—

Under 5 years of age	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	488
Between 5 and 15 years	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
"Booster" dose	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	234

When the new National Health Act came into force on the 5th July, 1948, immunisation was transferred to the Leicestershire County Council and they are carrying on the good work.

BED BUG INFESTATION

No Council houses were infested during the year, but four private houses were treated with D.D.T. spray.

WATER SUPPLIES

PUBLIC WELLS

The public wells supplies were again sampled during the year, and no supply was free from contamination. The results are as follows :—

Parish	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
WYMESWOLD												
Stockwell ...	S	C	D	S	S	C	S	C	S	S	S	—
London Road	S	C	C	C	C	C	S	C	C	C	S	—
BURTON/WOLDS	S	C	D	S	C	C	S	C	C	C	S	—
BEEBY ...	C	S	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BEAUMANOR ...	C	—	—	—	—	—	S	—	—	—	—	—
„ ...	C	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
„ ...	C	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
„ ...	S	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
„ ...	S	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Index. S—satisfactory ; C—contaminated ; D—doubtful.

The water supply at Beaumanor which supplies Old Woodhouse village was found to be contaminated, as was shown by the above table. The source of pollution was investigated and greater attention to the chlorination plant has given a more satisfactory supply.

MAIN SUPPLIES

Leicester Corporation and Loughborough Corporation provide the piped water supplies for the district. The supply received from the Leicester Corporation is pretreated to remove any evidence of plumbosolvency and it has been satisfactory in quantity and quality.

The main water supply to the village of Wymeswold was practically completed during the year.

The number of houses and population supplied by main water are :—

Dwelling houses.	(a) Public water mains	...	...	...	...	12,917
	(b) Standpipe	...	...	...	...	—
Population.	(a) Public water mains	...	...	...	...	42,000
	(b) Standpipe	...	...	...	...	—

The detailed information for each parish is as follows :—

Parish	Properties with main water supply	Properties without main water supply	No. of pails collected in each parish
ANSTEY	1,082	20	115
BARKBY	96	18	70
*BARKBY THORPE	—	19	10
BARROW-UPON-SOAR	794	15	89
*BEEBY	18	3	13
BIRSTALL	2,078	—	2
BURTON-ON-THE-WOLDS	11	69	36
COSSINGTON	126	20	46
*COTES	14	4	11
*CROXTON SOUTH	—	41	43
HOTON	59	13	31
MOUNTSORREL	1,102	18	171
NEWTOWN LINFORD	249	31	11
*PRESTWOLD	16	4	7
*QUENIBOROUGH	307	50	212
QUORN	957	18	42
*RATCLIFFE-ON-THE-WREAKE	38	16	17
REARSBY	145	31	91
ROTHLEY	925	14	111
SEAGRAVE	77	26	69
SILEBY	1,293	30	192
SWITHLAND	37	10	29
SYSTON	1,501	33	165
THRUSSINGTON	83	56	96
THURCASTON	403	12	52
THURMASTON	1,195	20	21
*ULVERSCROFT	—	53	14†
WALTON-ON-THE-WOLDS	59	22	38
WANLIP	23	6	6
WOODHOUSE	404	40	36
WYMESWOLD	48	217	154

Parishes marked thus * are not connected to a sewerage system.

Pails are not collected in parishes marked thus †.

PUBLIC CLEANSING AND SALVAGE

The weekly collection has been carried on satisfactorily, throughout the year, and trade refuse is collected on request.

Night-soil collection has been carried out to the Council's satisfaction over the whole of the district.

Satisfactory results have been recorded from the salvage collection.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

New sewers have been laid to all the latest housing estates.

Towards the end of the year the resewering of the village of Queniborough was commenced.

The Council also purchased the sewage farm at Queniborough which is to deal with the sewage from Queniborough and possibly other villages.

Proposals were made by the Council to the Ministry of Health regarding the pumping of the sewage from Birstall to the Queniborough works.

HOUSING

The following table gives the figures for houses completed and in the course of erection for the year :—

	Completed	Uncompleted
Council houses (traditional)	254	185
Private enterprise	60	7
Prefabricated houses	74	—

During the year a Housing Welfare Officer has been appointed and she has already visited a large percentage of the houses controlled by the Council, and has also interviewed prospective Council house tenants. I am sure this appointment will be most satisfactory to the Council and the tenants.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

It was not found necessary to take action under Section 47 of this Act for the removal of persons in need of care and attention.

The Council are now responsible for the burial of the bodies of persons who have died or have been found dead in their area where no suitable arrangements have been made for the disposal of the bodies. During the year one man was buried by the Council.

LABORATORY SPECIMENS

COUNTY COUNCIL LABORATORY	Nos.
Throat swabs for K.L.B.	27
Sputa for tuberculosis	55
Sewage and water analysis	74
Films for gonococci	6
Blood for Wasserman test	1
Urine, general and bacteriological	33
Urine for tuberculosis	1
Milk examinations	389
Blood counts	36
Milk phosphatase test	2
Miscellaneous	6
Total	630

EMERGENCY PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY

Fæces	5
Nose and throat swabs	14
Blood	1
Total	20

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Leicestershire County Laboratory; Leicester City Laboratories; Emergency Ministry of Health Laboratory, Isolation Hospital, Groby Road, Leicester.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

Loughborough	...	Packe Street	Tel. No. Loughborough 2153.
Leicester	...	Ireton Road	Tel. No. Leicester 27101.
Melton Mowbray	..	War Memorial Hospital	Tel. No. Melton Mowbray 666.
Infectious diseases	...	...	Ireton Road, Leicester, and War Memorial Hospital, Melton Mowbray.
Tuberculosis cases	...	...	Markfield Hospital.

NURSING IN THE HOME

Provided by the District Nurses in the larger parishes.

HOSPITALS PROVIDED BY REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

Tuberculosis	...	...	Sanatorium and Isolation Hospital, Markfield.
Infectious diseases	...	...	Sanatorium and Isolation Hospital, Markfield. Isolation Hospital, Melton Mowbray. Isolation Hospital, Blaby. Smallpox Hospital, Syston.
Maternity	...	...	Leicester and Leicestershire Maternity Hospital. Market Bosworth Hospital.
Children	...	...	Delicate children admitted to Children's Convalescent Homes, Woodhouse Eaves.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS

Maternity and Child Welfare	...	...	Infant Welfare Centres at Anstey, Barrow-upon-Soar, Birstall, Mountsorrel, Quorn, Rearsby, Rothley, Sileby, Syston and Thurmaston.
Venereal disease	...	...	Leicester Royal Infirmary. Loughborough General Hospital.

Times of attendance :

LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY			MALES	FEMALES
Monday	...	...	2-30 p.m.— 4-0 p.m.	5-30 p.m.— 7-0 p.m.
Tuesday	...	...	10-0 a.m.—11-0 a.m.	—
Wednesday	...	...	6-0 p.m.— 7-0 p.m.	10-0 a.m.—11-0 a.m.
Thursday	...	...	4-30 p.m.— 6-0 p.m.	2-30 p.m.— 4-0 p.m.
Friday	5-30 p.m.— 7-0 p.m.	—

LOUGHBOROUGH GENERAL HOSPITAL

Mondays only	...	6-0 p.m.— 7-0 p.m.	5-0 p.m.— 6-0 p.m.
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REPORT OF THE SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR

WATER SUPPLY

No. of samples taken for analysis :—

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
From wells	22	31
From pipe supplies	2	3
No. of wells cleaned out ... ..	...	2
No. of cases in which piped supply was substituted for well water	...	105

DRAINAGE AND CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

No. of cesspools constructed during year	5
No. of cesspools abolished during year	2
Total No. in district at 31st December, 1948	291
No. of privies in district	36
No. of pail closets in district	1,924
No. of water closets in district	12,528
No. of pail closets converted to w.c.'s during year	64
No. of privies converted to pail closets during year	1

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Total No. of complaints received	501
Total No. of defects or nuisances	840

INSPECTIONS MADE	First Inspections	Revisits
Animal keeping	64	22
Bakehouses	34	15
Dairies and cowsheds	345	208
Drainage works	332	139
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	2,317	1,386
Food premises	265	134
Offensive trades	2	34
Rats and mice destruction	403	132
Refuse collection and disposal	16	4
Schools	5	5
Shops	81	23
Slaughter houses and meat inspection	127	12
Tents, vans, sheds, etc.	205	104
Verminous premises and scabies	30	11
Water supplies	271	88
Workshops, etc.	105	51
Other inspections	376	143
Total	<u>4,978</u>	<u>2,511</u>

NOTICES

PRELIMINARY

					Housing	Other
Outstanding 1st January, 1948	...	...	...	...	99	28
Issued during year	...	...	...	...	172	221
Complied with during year	...	...	...	...	192	226
Statutory action necessary	...	...	...	...	19	34
Outstanding 31st December, 1948	...	...	...	...	79	23

STATUTORY

Outstanding 1st January, 1948	...	...	...	...	50	18
Issued during year	...	...	...	...	19	34
Complied with during year	...	...	...	...	3	38
Outstanding 31st December, 1948	...	...	...	...	66	14

SUMMARY ACTION

No. of summons issued	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
No. of convictions obtained	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

SHOPS

				Outstanding from previous year	Defects found	Defects remedied	Outstanding on 31/12/48
Sanitary conveniences	—	6	6	—
Temperature	—	—	—	—
Ventilation	—	—	—	—

CAMPING SITES

No. of sites in area for camping purposes during year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
No. of camping sites for which licences have been issued	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Estimated maximum number of campers resident in area during summer season	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	300

REGULATED BUILDINGS

				No. in district	No. of inspections	Action taken	General conditions
Common lodging houses	...	...	...	—	—	—	—
Tents, vans, sheds, etc.	...	...	...	55	309	Informal	Satisfactory
Canal boats	...	...	...	—	—	—	—
Offensive trades	...	...	...	—	—	—	—

MILK SUPPLY

COWKEEPERS

				No. of contraventions		
No. on register	No. of inspections	Outstanding from previous year		Found during year	Remedied during year	Outstanding on 31/12/48
369	321	40		147	155	32

DAIRYMEN OR PURVEYORS OF MILK (other than Cowkeepers)

No. on register	No. of inspections	Outstanding from previous year	No. of contraventions Found during year	Remedied during year	Outstanding on 31/12/48
81	232	4	44	44	4
Total contraventions		Outstanding from previous year	Found during year	Remedied during year	Outstanding on 31/12/48
Cleansing	...	4	73	74	3
Structural alterations	..	31	48	52	27
Utensils	...	—	13	13	—
Other	...	9	57	60	6

MILK SAMPLING

Class	No. of samples taken for bacteriological examination	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Designated—Tuberculin tested	—	—	—
Accredited	—	—	—
Pasteurised	2	2	—
Ordinary	61	49	12
Sterilised	—	—	—
Heat-treated	—	—	—

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS, 1936-46

No. of licences issued in respect of :—

Tuberculin test—	Bottling	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
	Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
	Supplementary	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Accredited—	Bottling	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
	Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
	Supplementary	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Pasteurised—	Pasteurised plants	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
	Dealers (retail)	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
	Supplementary (retail)	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

MILK AND DAIRIES

To supplement the milk samples taken by this Department, the County Executive Committee furnish the name of the unsatisfactory producers with whom they come in contact.

All the unsatisfactory producers are then visited and special attention is paid to their methods of production.

We look with regret to the time when the supervision of the production of milk passes from the control of the Local Authority, who will then have to deal with the distribution side only.

In this district for the past ten years or so, in spite of difficulties, great improvements have been made in the cowsheds and dairies and the methods of production and distribution of milk.

There is much still to be done and when the Ministry of Agriculture take over in the not very distant future, the Public Health Staff will be ready to give their assistance in an endeavour to see that the public are able to obtain clean, safe milk.

MEAT AND OTHER FOOD INSPECTION

No. of slaughter houses in the area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
No. of visits during year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	139
No. of knackers' yards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
No. of visits during year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36
No. of licensed slaughtermen	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36

No. of animals killed for human consumption under licence from the
Ministry of Food :—

Pigs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,618
Sheep	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Calves	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

The abattoir at Leicester is still the central depot for the slaughter of animals intended for human consumption.

In the case of pigs not intended for sale, these are slaughtered principally in a number of private slaughter houses throughout the district. The following table refers only to animals which are not intended for sale.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

				Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total weight in lbs.
Number killed (if known)	—	—	1	10	1,618	—
Number inspected	—	—	—	—	315	—

ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS

Whole carcasses condemned	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	3	10
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	.01	—

TUBERCULOSIS ONLY

Whole carcasses condemned	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	6	48
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	.02	—

FOOD CONDEMNED

The following articles of food were condemned as unfit for human consumption :—

Fish cakes	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	boxes
Fish	...	...	...	...	...	...	129	tins
Meat	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	tins
Bacon	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	tins
Bacon	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	qrs. 1 st. 3 lbs.
Ham	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	qr. 1 st. 3 lbs.
Mixed vegetables	...	...	...	...	...	...	61	tins
Soup	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	tins
Tomato juice	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	tins
Fruit	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	tins
Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	tins
Cheese	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	st. 7 lbs.
Jam and marmalade	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	tins
Margarine	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	lbs.

HOUSING

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES

Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	1,015
Number of inspections made for the purpose	1,656

REMEDY OF DEFECTS—INFORMAL ACTION.

No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action	192
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REMEDY OF DEFECTS—STATUTORY ACTION

PROCEEDINGS UNDER SEC. 9, 10 AND 16 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	1
No. of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
(a) by owners	1
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	—

PROCEEDINGS UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	34
No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a) by owners	32
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	—

PROCEEDINGS UNDER SEC. 11 AND 13 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	19
No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ...	1

PROCEEDINGS UNDER SEC. 12 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936

No. of separate tenements in which respect Closing Orders were made ...	—
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OVERCROWDING

No. of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	36
No. of families dwelling therein	40
No. of persons dwelling therein	204
No. of cases of overcrowding reported during year	3
No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during year	2
No. of persons concerned in such cases	12

ICE CREAM

There are 13 registered premises for the manufacture of ice cream, and all the manufacturers now use the "complete cold mix method." Ice cream is made on a small scale only.

In addition 27 premises are registered for the sale of prepacked ice cream.

Water ices (lollipops) have become increasingly popular and 4 premises were registered for the making of these. Samples taken in all cases were found to be satisfactory.

The results of the samples of ice cream which were examined were as follows :—

Grade 1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Grade 2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Grade 3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Grade 4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

Grade 4 samples are bacteriologically very unsatisfactory.

On the whole there was an improvement in the quality of the ice cream.

RODENT CONTROL

The sewage farms, refuse tips and sewers are regularly treated and the rat population is considerably diminished. It is found that only by systematic disinfection can this state of affairs be maintained.

The rat infestation of private houses is very small and the Council give free services to all private householders.

A campaign was launched in the autumn in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and this included an exhibition and film show on rodent control in six of the larger parishes.

No. of private houses treated by the Rodent Operator	...	...	...	72
No. of commercial premises treated by the Rodent Operator	...	...	...	18
No. of sewage farms treated by the Rodent Operator	...	...	...	11
No. of refuse tips treated by the Rodent Operator	...	...	...	2
No. of manholes baited	...	...	...	1,600

The number of rats killed must be a matter of conjecture, as in many cases no dead bodies are found but the subsequent freedom of the premises from rodents must be the criteria.

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INSPECTIONS								Total
No. on Register	203
No. of inspections	213
No. of written notices	11
No. of occupiers prosecuted	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
DEFECTS FOUND								
No. of defects found	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
No. of defects remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
No. referred to H.M. Inspector	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
No. referred by H.M. Inspector	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
OUTWORKERS								Number
Making of wearing apparel	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	440

I have the honour to be your obedient servant,

I. B. LAWRENCE,

Medical Officer of Health.

